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Dr. Norine Hess Atchison  
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Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Doctor:

This is in reply to your letter of February 21, 1952, wherein you ask the following question:

"Would you please give me your written opinion as to whether this Board has the right to issue said Chiropractor a license, (he passed our examination quite satisfactorily), upon presentation of above mentioned letter from Basic Science Board? Or is it necessary for this Board to wait until he has obtained his Basic Science Certificate?"

Section 67-201 ACA 1939 includes chiropractic as one of the healing arts. Section 67-212 provides for the recording of the Basic Science certificate with the Secretary of the State Board of Health. Section 67-213 provides:

"Any person who shall practice the healing art or any branch thereof without having obtained a valid certificate from the state board of examiners in the basic sciences, except as otherwise authorized by section 19 (§ 67-219) of this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, \* \* \* "

Section 67-216 is as follows:

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"Any person who knowingly issues or participates in the issuance of a license to practice the healing art or any branch thereof to any person who has not presented to the licensing board a valid certificate from the state board of examiners in the basic sciences, or to any person who has presented to such licensing board any such certificate obtained by dishonesty or fraud, or any forged or counterfeit certificate, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor \* \* \* "

From the above quoted sections of our statutes, it is evident that you cannot legally issue a certificate to practice as a chiropractor to this individual until he has presented to you a certificate from the Basic Science Board.

Yours very truly,

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Attorney General

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